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TO RESPOND TO REF A, WE REQUESTED CONFIRMATION BY THE ACT-
ING SYG THAT THE COUNCIL WILL ADDRESS THE REPORT BY THE
TRI-SERVICE GROUP ON C-E EQUIPMENT ON ITS EXAMINATION OF
THE US PROPOSAL ON THE SUBJECT. PERHAPS OUR LETTER PROMPT-
ED PO/77/112 OF AUGUST 4, 1977 (QUOTED BELOW) IN WHICH THE
ACTING SYG PROPOSES THAT UNLESS OBJECTIONS ARE RAISED BY
AUG 19, 1977 IT WILL BE CONSIDERED THAT THE MATTER WILL BE
TREATED AS A COUNCIL MATTER IN THE FUTURE. AGREEMENT BY
THE ALLIES TO THIS PO OBVIOUSLY WOULD SATISFY THE FRENCH
CONCERNS TRANSMITTED IN REF B. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE US
AGREE TO THE PO THROUGH SILENCE. ACTION REQUESTED:
WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BEFORE AUG 19, 1977.

BEGIN TEXT OF PO/77/112:

- PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH
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THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES AND
FRANCE, DATED RESPECTIVELY 11TH AND 15TH JULY, 1977, ON
THE SUBJECT OF THE PROPOSAL MADE BY THE UNITED STATES SE-
CRETARY OF DEFENSE, AT THE DEFENCE MINISTERS' MEETING IN
MAY, CONCERNING THE EARLY ACHIEVEMENT OF THE INTEROPERA-
BILITY OF TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS.

- 2. OBVIOUSLY, THE SUBJECT IS OF GREAT INTEREST TO ALL OF THE NATIONS OF THE ALLIANCE AND PARTICULARLY TO THOSE, LIKE FRANCE, WHICH HAVE CURRENT PROGRAMMES FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS. I AM ADVISED THAT THE NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS' REPRESENTATIVES HAVE AGREED, ON BEHALF OF THEIR ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS, THAT THE NEW TRI-SERVICE GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT UNDER THE CNAD SHOULD PROCEED WITH THE EXAMINATION OF THE TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE UNITED STATES PROPOSAL, ALTHOUGH OMITTING QUESTIONS OF MANAGEMENT OR FUNDING AT THIS STAGE, AND THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EQUIPMENT INTEROPERABILITY HAS ALSO ARRANGED THAT IT CAN BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF THE EXAMINATION SO THAT IT CAN LEND ASSISTANCE AS AND WHEN REQUIRED. FRANCE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATES IN ALL OF THESE BODIES BUT THE SECRETARY GENERAL NEVERTHELESS FULLY AGREES WITH THE VIEW OF THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES THAT ANY ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH THE EXAMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES PROPOSAL SHOULD BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE COUNCIL AND NOT OF THE DPC. I THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT UNLESS ANY OBJECTIONS ARE RAISED BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 19TH AUGUST IT MAY THEN BE CONSIDERED THAT THE COUNCIL HAS AGREED THAT THE MATTER SHOULD BE TREATED AS A COUNCIL MATTER IN THE FUTURE. END TEXT. PEREZ

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